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LOKOYA

By Rev. VERDETTE WALTERS, Director

The Lokoya Executive Committee and the Director have laid the foundation plans for a strong Lokoya conference from August 9 to 15. Discussion groups are to be centered around the statement of purpose, "Building Today for a Christian World." Faculty members will be as follows: Rev. Edward Reighard of First Church, Berkeley; Rev. Arthur Casaday of Mill Valley Community Church; Rev. Robert Whitaker (missionary from China on furlough) of Ferndale; Mr. James Senter of Sebastopol; Mr. Gordon Foster of Santa Rosa; Rev. W. R. Steininger of Antioch; Rev. Wm. Meyer of Fairfax, and Secretary George N. White of New York.

Young people who assisted in making the plans include Dorothy Emigh and Margaret Benedict from Upper Bay Association, Dorothea Brookover from Redwood Empire, and Warren Uhte from Fairfax.

The Evening Vespers on Sunset Hill are to be conducted by Art Casaday. Our recreational activities will again be in the hands of Sherwood Wirt of Port Chicago. Wim Meyer is scheduled to lead the sings. Elmer Benedict of Pittsburg is to be the Chaplain, and will this year give all the morning chapel talks. Mr. N. F. Sanderson of Martinez will be Camp Manager. Rev. E. T. Sherman will hold forth as Camp Treasurer and Registrar. Besides this impressive list of leaders, Lokoya will greatly need some able Counselors, and must look to the individual churches for furnishing them.

Costs this year are: Registration fee, 50 cents; "Light," 25 cents; Board and room, $7.25—totaling exactly $8.00. The Webers will be the cooks again this year.

SEQUOIA

By Rev. ARTHUR L. RICE, Director

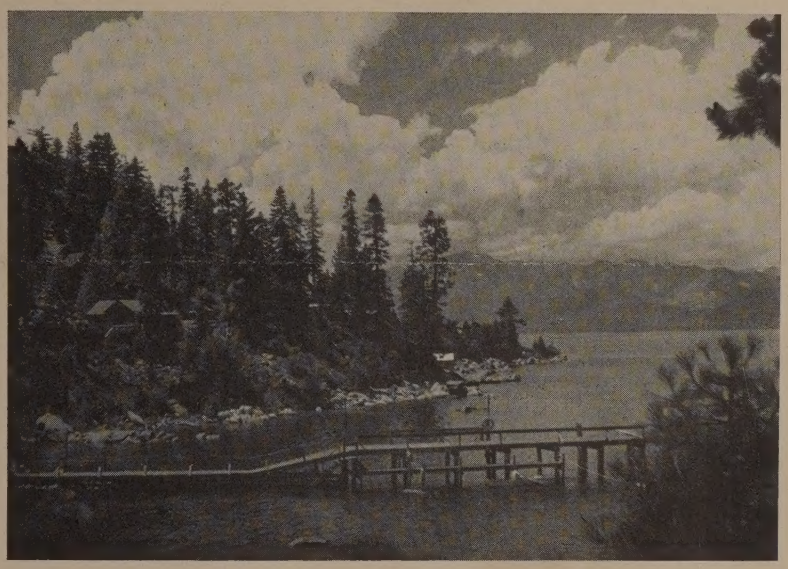
Enthusiasm for Sequoia has grown with each of the camp's three years of life, and the approach of the fourth season, June 14-20, 1942, sees promise of splendid interest and attendance. The early dates, it is hoped, will make it possible for those who plan to work to take this vacation week first.

Camp Sequoia's charms are too familiar to need recounting. Its location on a beautiful lake, near the General Grant grove of big trees, offers many advantages of recreation. Our excellent cook, Mrs. Fuller, will return to provide the same satisfying fare of previous years.

Faculty will include Dr. Pierson Parker, the resident pastors of the San Joaquin area, and a missionary representative yet to be named (a worthy successor, we trust, to Dr. Leonard Wilbur and Dr. Frank Laubach).

Each member of the camp will share in certain duties, making it possible to maintain the low cost figure of $6.50, plus the registration fee of $1.50 and 25 cents for "The Light," a total of $8.25. Registrations, with the fee, should be sent to the director, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, at 220 W. Tulare Street, Tulare. See you at Sequoia!

STOCKTON. At the Association meeting it was reported that the church attendance for 1941 was the largest in the pastorate of Rev. Noel J. Breed.



Zephyr Point on Lake Tahoe

There will be fun aplenty as in previous years at the Zephyr Point Conference, Lake Tahoe, July 25 to August 1, but in keeping with the times there will be a note of seriousness, and the Christian interpretation of current affairs will hold a major place.

Using the summer's theme for all the youth conferences, "Paving the Way for a Christian World," Rev. Noel J. Breed, Ph.D., of Stockton, will offer a course of lectures for the entire membership of the conference.

Walter C. Giersbach, President of Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon, is a veteran of many summer conferences, and he will lead a course on "Questions We All Ask."

From far distant places Zephyr Point will draw Secretary George N. White, specialist of the Home Boards in the field of race relations.

Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham of Oakland will offer valuable help to workers in Church Schools in her course sponsored jointly by the Young People's Work and Religious Education committees.

Field Secretary E. T. Sherman is to serve again as Registrar of the conference, Co-ordinator and member of the faculty.

The Director and teacher of the orientation course, "Creative Living," is Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga.

Deans for girls and boys will be Mrs. Scott Haymond of Berkeley, and Rev. Elmer Benedict of Pittsburg. Mr. Benedict will also be the instructor in a course to be offered twice each morning, the subject, "Prayer."

Zephyr Point is fortunate in having Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield of Berkeley as director of its musical program.

Rev. W. W. Meyer, using the natural facilities of glorious Lake Tahoe and surroundings, will add to the various group games which are always popular, competitive sports, fun singing, and folk dancing, in his program of recreation.

Mr. H. L. McClellan will direct a course on journalism, with the daily "Light" as a project.

The Vesper Hour will be a high point of each day, as at all previous Tahoe conferences. A morning watch is being given a definite place in the daily program.

Total cost of the advanced conference this year is set at $15.25, at which price meals, bedding, and all grounds facilities are furnished by the management. Transportation costs will be a larger item this year, and churches are urged to take this into definite consideration in assisting their delegates.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF CHURCH LEADERS

Pastors and other adult church workers, in view of rubber shortage and high cost of living, may find it desirable to take their vacations at Zephyr Point while their young people are attending the conference. With this in mind, there will be a school for church leaders, headlining Rev. Walter C. Giersbach, Ph.D., President of Pacific University, who will offer a seminar each morning. Dr. Giersbach is experienced and stimulating, and will be helpful to pastors and delegates from all types and sizes of churches.

No less absorbing in interest will be the daily lectures by Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton, who will follow each lecture with a discussion period.

Mrs. W. Bayard Buckham will offer a course of special interest to all church school workers, including superintendents, departmental leaders and teachers, as well as the young people who will some day occupy those places.

There will be voluntary activities and time for rest and recreation. Adults may live in the dormitories and have meals at the standard delegate cost of $15.25. Cabins on the grounds, and more expensive accommodations are available.

LAKEWOOD

By GEORGE I. LINN, Director

The fourth Lakewood Conference will be held at the Lakewood Boys' Camp at Brockway, California, at the northern end of Lake Tahoe, starting June 13 (Saturday, at 3 p. m.) and ending June 20 (Saturday at 9 a. m.). Applications are already being received by the director, who resides at Route 9, Box 1328, Sacramento, California. Word has gone out that only fifty youth delegates can be accommodated. Application blanks should be filled out and signed by delegate and pastor, and must be accompanied by the $1.50 registration fee. These forms have been sent to the pastors of the various churches.

In addition to the $1.50 registration fee (including "The Light"), delegates will have the usual board and bed expense of $7.50, a total of $9.00, and will make their own arrangements for transportation.

The theme of the Conference will be "Paving the Way for a Christian World." Every class and activity will be directed toward the building of high ideals of Christian understanding, service, and leadership. Recreation program will be the best ever.

The youth officers of the Lakewood Conference have had an active part in making the plans—President David Gill, Vice-President Miss Doreen Hanley, Secretary Arthur Le Clert, Treasurer Donald McDonald, and Counselor Rev. A. R. Boone. The director has for years served as a counselor in the Sacramento Senior High School. He also has had several years of experience in Y.M.C.A. and Boy Scout activities and camps. This is his second year as director of the Lakewood Conference.

Faculty members will include Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, Rev. P. N. Bennett, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, and the director. Miss Lucille Day, missionary to Turkey and later to India, will add much to the interest and excellence of the program Rev. E. P. Shier will be chaplain; Mrs. A. H. Hanley, dean of girls; Miss Katherine Shier, music director. Special speakers will be Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. E. L. Spuller, and Rev. John G. Dickey.

LOMA MAR

By ROBERT W. INGLIS, Director

This year East and West Bay Pilgrim Fellowship unite in one conference camp at Loma Mar, from June 21 to 27. In that beautiful mountain valley seventy-five or more young people will gather for another of those glorious weeks of inspiration, personal growth, and fun.

Combining the two conferences makes possible a splendid group of youth and an unusual faculty. Such persons as Ralph Conard, the new minister at Alameda; Augustine Jones of Palo Alto; Charles Ward of Redwood City, and Don Gaylord of San Francisco will be there to lead us. Officers of the Pilgrim Fellowship will be meeting with members of the faculty to work out the details of the program in a few days. You are invited to send your suggestions to your association Pilgrim Fellowship president.

There will not be a dull moment. Scratch around for the $8.50 and be one of us this summer.

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Remit Promptly

The church-by-church report that appears below is not good, and yet it is not as bad as might be. Part of the serious drop is due to a delay of a few days only in getting in a remittance, nevertheless each church should study these figures carefully for even though the amount received this year is only a little less than a year ago, the sum total becomes a serious matter. Vacation will soon be here, which means that an earnest effort should be made during the next 30 days to bring the totals for each church up to last year's level, or a little better.

Church	April, 1942	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1942	Jan. 11 to April 30, 1941
Adin	$	$ 8.06	$ 9.00
Alameda	.....	5.00	202.50
Alturas	.....	11.72	12.05
Angels Camp	.....	40.00	39.50
Antioch	9.40	15.66	16.27
Auburn	10.00	53.07	60.00
Benicia	25.00	30.00	20.00
Berkeley, Chinese	.....	.....	25.00
First	.....	1,508.70	1,970.55
North	52.10	141.30	154.36
Park	.....	17.93	23.07
Callahan	.....	.....	5.13
Campbell	.....	65.00	68.00
Cedarville	.....	25.00	50.00
Cloverdale	5.65	22.79	22.93
Cotati	24.35	44.35	31.50
Crockett	.....	36.15	24.14
Etna	.....	5.32	6.85
Eureka	.....	116.39	134.01
Fairfax	15.00	15.00	15.00
Ferndale	10.60	94.70	80.31
Fresno, First	.....	181.83	223.92
Japanese	.....	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	68.08	60.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	20.00
Hayfork	.....	.....	5.00
Hayward	.....	.....	100.00
Kenwood	.....	6.10	3.00
Lodi, First	.....	310.00	534.00
Loomis	10.71	10.71	10.42
Martinez	50.17	130.22	107.75
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	500.00	1,775.00	1,672.00
Fruitvale	15.00	15.00	15.28
Pilgrim	6.00	18.17	16.69
Plymouth	81.12	230.31	237.47
Oroville	.....	.....	19.25
Pacific Grove	.....	52.03	51.08
Palo Alto	.....	250.00	412.50
Paradise	.....	75.00	79.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	5.75	15.75	8.66
Pescadero	.....	2.50	2.50
Petaluma	63.20	128.55	108.45
Pittsburg	.....	31.03	48.20
Port Chicago	1.37	1.37	.....
Porterville	.....	80.00	100.00
Redwood City	73.45	222.95	211.19
Reedley	.....	.....	5.00
Rio Vista	.....	.....	37.50
Ripon	18.84	63.02	36.86
Sacramento	.....	230.03	217.46
Salida	.....	30.00	20.00
San Carlos	.....	25.28	13.24
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	.....	68.88	60.86
First	150.60	536.12	1,093.95
Ocean View	.....	25.00	25.00
San Jose	50.00	255.00	220.00
San Leandro	.....	25.10	38.73
San Mateo	241.70	251.70	238.18
Santa Cruz	.....	146.00	140.00
Santa Rosa	39.50	70.00	47.00
Saratoga	.....	206.77	104.67
Sebastopol	.....	52.27	54.27
Sonoma	25.61	47.71	47.70
Soquel	.....	25.00	19.14
Stockton	.....	127.61	151.38
Suisun	25.00	25.00	89.10
Sunnyvale	.....	.....	4.95
Sunol	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	.....	136.50	230.00
Weaverville	55.00	75.00	55.00
Woodside	.....	30.00	34.00
Reno, Nevada	44.02	100.22	166.55
Miscellaneous	155.00	1,204.00	1,171.10
	$1,764.14	$9,707.95	$11,464.17

MORE Y. P. CONFERENCE PLANS

The State Conference Committee on Religious Education recently offered to take the responsibility of securing leaders to teach courses in religious education at our summer youth conferences. They also offered to lend a hand in publicity for this valuable phase of the summer camp programs.

The offer was enthusiastically accepted by the Young People's Work Committee and the Directors of the summer camps. Already two assignments have been made for such courses to be given for the benefit of Sunday School teachers, prospective workers, and ministers attending the camps. Mrs. E. B. Kientz will go to Lakewood Conference and give a course on "How to Teach in the Sunday School." Zephyr Point will have Mrs. W. B. Buckham for a similar course, the title yet to be announced.

It is hoped that other camps will take advantage of this generous offer by the Religious Education Committee, and that they will get in touch with the Chairman, Rev. Verdette Walters, 1460 Cedar street, Martinez, at an early date, in order that leaders may be secured. Due to forced limitations on vacation trips (tire shortage!), more ministers and counsellors are expected at our summer conferences this year, with special emphasis on this for Zephyr Point. Therefore there seems to be a special place this year for such courses. Ministers and counsellors and young adult workers!—why not plan to spend a week of your vacation at one of the area conferences, or at Zephyr Point!

TRANSPORTATION

The tire shortage is a factor that requires planning as we look forward to our summer conferences. The chartering of buses is no longer permitted. Every available seat, therefore, should be filled in every car going to a conference point. The director of each conference will act as a clearing house on transportation plans. Write to him telling him how many additional passengers you can take, or how many places you need in someone else's car. Before time for your conference, your director will also have last-minute information on bus schedules and fares.

The Theme of all of the Northern California Congregational Summer Conferences will be "Paving the Way for a Christian World." This theme was chosen by the young people at a meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet after considering a number of others which were presented.

The Theme lends itself quite readily to the seven-point group of purposes as listed in the National and State Charter.

Statement of Purpose

The Pilgrim Fellowship unites the young people of all Congregational and Christian churches in the purpose.

1. To achieve Christian Personality.
2. To seek happy relations in home and community.
3. To work for a United Church.
4. To secure equal rights for all classes and races.
5. To practice Christian Patriotism.
6. To strive for justice in the social world.
7. To work for the preservation of peace and security.

Those desiring to register for attendance at any of the summer conferences should apply to the local Pastor for application blanks which are usable for all conferences alike. Simply insert the name of the conference, fill out the blank completely, and then send it, together with the proper amount of registration fee, etc., to the Director of the Conference which you are planning to attend. But be sure your application comes in on time, as there is an additional charge of 50 cents for late registrations.

Those registering for the Zephyr Point Conference should send application blanks and fees direct to the State Conference office at 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, addressed to Field Secretary Edwin T. Sherman. This will facilitate assignments to be made at Zephyr since location of all delegates is made at the office prior to July 25.

Delegates desiring to room together at any conference should indicate the name of the desired roommate on the application blank. Changes of assignment are not made at the camps without considerable trouble and delay.

LET US SAY "THANK YOU"

The United Christian Education Advance reminds us that the Educational Program of the Church is of vital importance now as never before. Each and every member of the Church has a responsibility toward carrying out the program.

Do YOU teach in the Church School?

If you do, you have not only a responsibility but also a privilege, and what you yourself gain as well as give is your reward.

If YOU do not teach and could, volunteer your services to your Pastor or Superintendent.

If YOU do not teach and cannot, you can at least show your appreciation of those who carry on your work for you—

By expressing your appreciation to the teachers and officers individually;

By visiting the Church School or Youth Groups occasionally;

By attending any public recognition service your church may have for its educational workers.

Your Conference Committee on Religious Education suggests that a public recognition and expression of appreciation of Church School Teachers and Officers and Youth Leaders be made a part of the Children's Day Service in June, 1942.

Let us ALL say "Thank you."

REV. WILFRED WITHINGTON

Rev. Wilfred Withington passed away at Claremont, California, on April 13 after about a year of illness. He was born at Davenport, Iowa, October 3, 1878. He attended high school and university in Kansas and received the degree of B.D. from Pacific School of Religion in 1908. He was prime mover of the California branch of the Student Recruits movement, which did notable service in enlisting able young men for the ministry.

He was ordained in 1907 and served faithfully the following churches: Keystone, Seattle, 1908-13; Cheney, Wash., 1918-22; Wallace, Idaho, 1922-28; Green Lake, Seattle, 1928-36, and Santa Rosa, Calif., 1936-41. Mr. Withington was a preacher of power and winsomeness, a good parish organizer, a much sought counsellor and guide, and a genius at leading young people. He had the rare capacity of combining social action and mystical experience.

Mr. Withington is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Jewett Withington, faithful helper in all his good work. What his seminary president said of him was true of his whole life, "A rare soul, almost a religious genius, with great power of initiative and stimulus and leadership of young men."

MARTINEZ. At the Association it was reported that 33 members have been received during the past year, and the new organ is now two-thirds paid for. Rev. Verdette Walters is the pastor.

BENICIA. Over 200 were in attendance on Easter Sunday, and $139 was received in offerings. Four new members joined at Holy Thursday Communion. The Sunday School has outgrown its quarters and is spreading into the attic and the church auditorium. A calling committee is making a thorough visitation, and Rev. Isaac Fleming, the pastor, makes not less than twenty calls a week. A tea for mothers on Mother's Day is planned by the Sunday School.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Two new members came in at Murphys during the Easter season, making a total of 6 for the year. There was good attendance on Easter Sunday and at the Friday evening fellowship dinner and communion. There was also encouraging attendance at Angels Camp, with 12 new members joining. Rev. John G. Dickey will continue to look after Sheep Ranch, even though the mine is closed and many of the people have moved away.

LODI, FIRST. Thirty-seven new members were received right after Easter as the result of the personal evangelistic visitation. They received the welcome of the congregation at a fellowship dinner. The Congregational and Methodist churches united in a Holy Thursday communion, and, with other churches, in the Good Friday service. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. Twenty-six new members came into the church just before Easter. On Easter Sunday three services were necessary, two for adults and one for the Sunday School, with a total attendance of 423. The Sunday School enrollment has risen to 202. The church is hoping, in spite of delays and priorities, to get one wing of the building completed. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones reports a most delightful fellowship in the choir. In preparation for Easter they held a progressive supper, being entertained at three centers before closing rehearsal. Seventeen are uniting in the spring group of membership. Pledges to the Congregational fund for war relief amount to $554.

SOQUEL. Five adults were received into fellowship in April. A large audience heard Rev. Harold Robinson of China, and his presence over the week-end was enjoyed by several groups. The minister, Rev. T. Davis Preston, conducts a class in Religious Education one day each week. Monthly family night socials are well attended.

RIPON. A new chancel has been arranged at a cost of $90, which was provided by the Ladies' Aid Society. It was in use for Easter. The Pilgrim Fellowship has introduced new hymn books. The Ladies' Aid will furnish music one Sunday a month. Rural Life Sunday will be observed May 17. Rev. A. C. Hacke is pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Nine new members were received into fellowship. One hundred and eighty-four people attended on Easter Sunday. A large number of people share the living room of the pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, for group meetings.

EUREKA. The visit of Rev. James R. Clinton of New York during Holy Week strengthened the church, and his radio talks were well received. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is pastor.

PARLIER. Rev. N. K. Hachian continues to serve this church. A most encouraging feature of the work is the Christian Endeavor Society of 22 members.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

TULARE. Following a custom of some years' standing, the pastor of Tulare Church, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, with his wife have entertained the young people of the church at a series of informal "at homes" at the parsonage following the Sunday evening meetings of the Pilgrim Fellowship. The guests draw assignment slips, go to the kitchen to help prepare the lunch, enjoy it before the open fire, and have a delightful evening of fellowship.

Women of the church, for their floor repair project, served a Mother Goose dinner to a capacity crowd. Each table was decorated to represent one of the familiar rhymes. A group of children in costume presented a Mother Goose program, and a running commentary of rhymes and parodies wove the dinner and program into a delightful evening, which was also a financial success.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. With the calling of Mr. Alfred Focht to Guerneville and Monte Rio, Mr. Laing Sibbet has been secured as children's worker. On Palm Sunday eleven new members were received. The annual meeting of the United Church showed a great improvement in the financial condition of every department and revealed an amazing number of services rendered by the church to the community. Rev. Donald Gaylord is loyally supported by both Methodists and Congregationalists. This is a church which is not self-centered but out-reaching.

REDWOOD CITY. Although Easter attendance was a little below last year's all-time high, because of storm, there was a splendid offering. The church finances have not been appreciably affected by war time conditions, and there has been a marked increase in cooperation. Patriotic projects, such as Red Cross sewing and services for Service boys, are being augmented. A fine congregation was present on Sunday after Easter, when Rainbow Girls were guests. Ann Holden of radio fame drew a capacity crowd for the Women's Guild's first spring luncheon. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A special committee will print and distribute a bulletin once every two weeks. The boys are practicing and playing basketball. Throughout May five big Sundays are planned with a view of having attendances comparable to Easter. Improvements to the property are constantly being made. Two new members have been received by letter. Mr. Eugene Sill is pastor.

WOODSIDE. Eleven new members were received in Holy Week, seven on confession of faith. The $9000 addition built and paid for last year was gotten just in time, and is now a community center, a meeting place for various emergency classes. Rev. Burton M. Palmer is pastor.

SONOMA. A considerable number of people in the community work for and support the church, but hold membership elsewhere. There are 16 young men in the Service who have been in the church. Rev. E. W. Perry, the pastor, is encouraged by a good attendance of young people at the morning service.

PORTERVILLE. There were two Easter services, with capacity congregations, and a special offering of $300. A beautiful new hanging has been installed behind the communion table. The pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, is dean of the Leadership Training School, under the auspices of the Ministerial Union.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi, pastor, has been assisted by Rev. William Woodard, returned missionary from Japan. Fifty-seven families are in the so-called "white zone." It will be impossible for the church to carry on its work in its present location. The pastor as well as a large number of his people will be evacuated. In spite of all of this, thirty new members were received on Easter Sunday. Taxes and insurance have been paid, a new roof has been put on, and a balance of the cost of the church automobile has been cared for. The auto and all property belonging to the church have been transferred to the Conference. It is hoped that a worker can be found to carry on among the 45 families who are farmers.

FRESNO, FIRST. The acoustical and amplification systems in the church have been improved. A new baptismal font to match pulpit and communion table, the gift of Mrs. W. A. Conn, is being made. The Church School workers' library is being ordered. The Church School will continue throughout the summer, and there will be a vacation school of two weeks. The pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Fresno Red Cross and the Council for Social Agencies. Fifty-six new members have been received during the present pastorate.

SARATOGA. The addition for Church rooms and recreation is going forward. A loan has been requested from the Building Society, but it is hoped that this will not have to be used. Foundations and basement are complete, and work on the framework of the building has begun. One hundred and thirty were present at the April Church-Community supper to see motion pictures presented by Rev. T. Davis Preston of Soquel. A church School monthly paper, "Toll Gate" is published. Rev. Fred Morrow is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. The union Good Friday services were held in this church, and were the largest since the beginning of those services. On Easter Sunday Rev. Clarence Reidenbach preached at 9:30 and again at 11. At the 4:30 communion service in the afternoon 17 children were baptized and 37 people received into membership. More will come into fellowship on Youth Sunday. On the Sunday following Easter the pastor of this church exchanged with the pastor of the First Church, Berkeley.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The new choir robes were used for the first time on Easter Sunday at the two great identical services, which were attended by a thousand people. Fifty-seven new members were in the Easter class. Rev. Fred Goodsell was the guest of the church and speaker the last Sunday of April. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

NILES. Rev. R. C. Day is on the job although planning his work carefully so as to avoid pressure. There was a fine Easter service, and new members will be received on Whitsunday. The Ladies' Guild and the Men's Club have finished paving and landscaping the cloister. The Men's Club will keep up the lawns which the Ladies' Guild will provide.

CROCKETT. Service men located in the vicinity are in church each Sunday. The Sunday School enrollment is 190, with attendance of about 110. A system of hearing aids has been installed. The new church building is much appreciated and the grounds have been greatly beautified. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is the beloved pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. North Church is proud to report that its contribution to China Relief was more per person than in any other church in the city. The annual Birthday luncheon of the Women's Auxiliary was an outstanding event of the month of April. Unusual originality was shown in the tables, which were decorated to represent the months of the year. The Trailmakers, high school group, held a rummage sale and raised $38 for sending members to conference. Beacon Club, senior high and college age group, held another party for service men. Invited guests were sailors stationed in this area, who came in large numbers. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. A committee has been active in enrolling Sunday School members and setting up new classes. The Sunday evening forum has continued with interesting addresses, Dr. Abbott Book, newly elected secretary of the California Church Council; President Aurelia Reinhart; Bruce Thomas, radio speaker; Lieutenant Victor Bono, R.A.F., are among those who have been heard. Governor Olson and Attorney General Warren are on the May schedule. About twenty have been received into membership. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is pastor.

CAMPBELL. Seven adults were admitted into church membership and four to the junior roll at the Easter worship, which was largely attended. All organizations are busy and the church is represented in many community enterprises. The building has been prepared for use as a hospital, with all necessary utensils, and nursing staff. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, is a warden and an air observer. The new orgatron is proving satisfactory and is rapidly being paid for, and the new seating has added to the beauty of the church.

PITTSBURG. Fourteen children and two adults were baptized on Palm Sunday, and 18 new members were received on Thursday of Holy Week. The property is being improved, new linoleum being put on the stairs in the foyer of the church by the young adult class. The kitchen and the bathroom of the parsonage have been modernized. The kitchen of the church has been enlarged and nicely furnished, all by the Women's Auxiliary. These projects have cost more than $1000. Rev. E. W. Benedict is pastor.

OROVILLE. The church was filled on Easter—the main floor, side rooms, and gallery. Fourteen persons have been received into membership recently. On the Sunday after Easter the men of the church with some others who were interested met for breakfast and a men's communion. On the Sunday after the Association meeting the minister, Rev. C. C. Champlin, and delegates made reports of the gathering.

FAIRFAX. Two members have come into membership on confession. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Meyer, is planning a Christian Home Sunday for Mother's Day, with fathers, husbands, and sons doing the work and serving the breakfast to mothers. A combined church school and service of worship will follow. A gift which will provide a memorial baptismal font has been received.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. By the time The Pacific reaches the readers all members of this church will have been evacuated. The property has been placed in the hands of the Conference and the records with Plymouth Church. Rev. Norio Ozaki, the pastor, has led his people with a spirit of deep devotion and rare ability.

TRINITY COUNTY. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, has arranged to have Sunday evenings free for services in outlying communities. There were excellent Easter and pre-Easter services. This church entertained the Sacramento Valley Association, and cared for hospitality and other arrangements in splendid fashion. Rev. Torrance Phelps of Sacramento was speaker at the Rotary Club, Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of the American Board gave the message at the Chamber of Commerce dinner, and Superintendent Gill spoke to the High School Assembly, all these in addition to the regular program of the Association.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Thirty-six members were received on Palm Sunday and at the Easter service 904 were in attendance. Regular committees of the church assist the hospitality house for Service men and entertain soldiers each Sunday after church service. Rev. Robert Inglis just returned from a trip to the midwest to explore the facilities of homes for Christian Japanese. He visited eight states, interviewed thirteen heads of colleges, governors, superintendents of churches, and scores of ministers, laymen, and interdenominational leaders.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The debt has been paid and the mortgage has been burned. More than 2200 people attended the morning services on Easter. Eighty people were received into membership on Easter Sunday. Average attendance for the first three months of the year was 66 greater than in the corresponding period the year before. The church offered its building to the Government as a civil control station in preparation for evacuation of the Japanese, and all churches of Berkeley extended hospitality. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

SAN MATEO. The children's choirs have had a successful year. They have participated on Palm Sunday, Easter, the soldiers' service, and Mother's Day. Professor James Muilenburg is scheduled for the last church night dinner of the year. Nineteen children were baptized on Easter. The loud speaker took care of the overflow at the Easter service in the social hall. The church, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, has actively ministered to the Japanese of the community during their evacuation.

SANTA CRUZ. At the Holy Thursday communion service 18 members were received and about 500 partook of the sacrament. The union three-hour service on Good Friday filled the church to capacity. This was also true on Easter Sunday in spite of rain. Ten babies were baptised, one of whom was a great great grandson of the man who organized the First Congregational Church in this city. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. With the new social hall as a place of meeting, the Ladies' Aid has purchased a stove. A food sale is planned. The pastor, Mr. Sherwood Wirt, and his wife will have quarters in the new building which they will use during weekends. The Pilgrim Fellowship is having discussions on "immortality." Mrs. Wirt recently occupied her husband's pulpit.

FOWLER. This church is made up of 33 families with a communicant membership of 72. The Church Improvement Committee, composed of girls and young women, sends packages of candies, cookies, dried fruit, and the like to Fowler boys in the Service. Books were closed without deficit at the end of the last church year. Rev. A. A. Goergizian is pastor.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Regular Meeting at First Congregational Church, Oakland, Thursday, May 21. Rev. Fred Field Goodsell, Executive Vice-President of American Board, Will Be a Speaker

FEDERATION WOMEN FACE WAR NEEDS

A Spring Meeting not among the blossoms and greenery of the country, and not in warmth and sunshine, but in the heart of a great city and in rain, was quite a change this year. But the ladies of the San Francisco church made us welcome as heart could ask, and if it rained outdoors, there was sunshine and cheer enough indoors to more than make up for it. Nothing that could have contributed to our comfort was omitted.

None of the people who occasionally can be heard croaking that Americans do not seem to realize that we are at war could have said that in the face of our program for this meeting. President Roosevelt assures us that it could not be said in Washington, nor could it have been said in the First Church, San Francisco, on that April Thursday.

The problems of youth, brought to us by Rev. Edward Reighard of Plymouth House, Berkeley, necessarily emphasized the bearing of the present conflict on those problems. Mrs. Frank Duveneck of Los Altos spoke on the problems of evacuation, and the final address of the afternoon was by Chaplain Earl D. Weed of the Fourth Army on "Religion in Action." Chaplain Weed, incidentally, has received both his Bachelor's and his Doctor's degrees from our own Pacific School of Religion—the latter this last year.

To add to these proofs of our awareness, we had a surprise and a pleasure in the presence with us at lunch time of Mrs. Gail Cleland, who, with Dr. (now Chaplain) Cleland, is stationed at Fort McDowell, on Angel Island. Mrs. Cleland spoke to us informally of the many calls upon a Chaplain in the army. As she gave instances of the varied difficulties smoothed away by the Chaplain and his wife, and of the understanding shown with these young people, who were sometimes at fault and sometimes only unfortunate, we felt that Fort McDowell was happy in its Chaplain. One statement lives in your editor's mind as a good text for all would-be helpers to follow: "We never ask how or why. The harm is done and we go on from there to help them out." We suspect there might be more confessions and hence more cures if the fear of painful or embarrassing catechisms was removed.

As this was not a business meeting, only two matters were brought to our attention: one from the Thank Offering field that, on vote of the Executive Board, the African project to replace our work for Chinese hospitals will be the Means School for Girls in Portuguese West Africa. The publication of the American Board, on Africa, gives some interesting information concerning our new project. "The Means School includes besides academic, music and Kindergarten courses, others in garden and field work (which the girls love), tailoring, cooking, elementary nursing, basket making, weaving and embroidery." During their senior year "the girls, in groups of five, live in cottages where for several months they have full charge," getting the necessary food supplies, preparing the meals, keeping within their budget, and sharing in village activities as they would on returning to their own homes. There is no danger that they would be open to the charge sometimes brought against mission-trained young people, that they are spoiled for life at home.

This station is at Dondi, but it is interesting to note that one of our American Board workers in a nearby station at Galangue, Dr. Aaron McMillan, comes in for a most appreciative article in the May "Reader's Digest." He is now physician and surgeon in a very fine hospital —the Pierce Memorial Hospital—at Galangue, but the story the Digest gives of his early experiences when "his hospital was only a thatched mud hut" is thrilling.

A change in personnel in Grant's Hospital was also announced. Miss Henrietta Seeger has gone into war service, and her place as nurse is taken by Miss Helen Horton.

Year Books and Reading Lists were reported on hand and were for distribution to all who were entitled to them—which in the case of the Reading List means all who will read.

Announcement was made of the coming Missionary Education Movement conference to be held, as last year, at San Anselmo, on the Seminary grounds. Especial attention is asked to the change of date. The first session will be Sunday evening, July 26, and the last will be Friday morning, July 31. The Conference will close after lunch on Friday. As last year, Registration fee is $2.50, and room and board (two in a room) is $13.00 for the Conference period. The timely theme is "Latin American Neighbors." While some of the oldsters last year may have felt nostalgia for the familiar fogs of Asilomar, the consensus of opinion was that in its way San Anselmo is as beautiful as Asilomar, and, given time, will be as beloved. It is certainly more accessible for most of us.

MORE CHURCH NEWS

ANTIOCH. There has been an 81 per cent gain in church membership during the pastorate of Rev. William R. Steininger. Active plans are under way by the community, in which the church is participating, for meeting the opportunity which the great military camp will bring.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Five new members have been received. The church was full on Easter Sunday. On the last Sunday of April, when Rev. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, and his wife were in Yosemite Valley, the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Arthur T. Davies.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Thirty four young men from this church are in the Service, and many others in defense work. The San Joaquin Association was entertained, and a large number of the church members were present at the noon luncheon and otherwise participated in the gathering. Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian is pastor.

SUNNYVALE. Rev. J. K. Ballou, pastor, reports the attendance of many strangers and service men at the Easter services. An excellent choir under a paid director furnishes music each Sunday. Ten were added to the church membership at Easter.

ALAMEDA. A victory plaque has been installed and dedicated, listing the names of thirty-five men from the parish who are in Service. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, pastor, preached on "The dedication of life" at the special service of dedication.

FERNDALE. There has been a very encouraging increase in church attendance, ranging from 43 to 93. Twelve new members, including four from the family of Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, pastor, were received on April 12.

RENO, NEVADA. A most beautiful chancel is being installed and will be ready for dedication the last Sunday of May. Eight hundred attended the three services on Easter. A fine class of new members was received. Rev. William M. Case is pastor.

ADIN. The church was full and many people had to stand through the Easter service, which was a combination of worship and Sunday School program. Rev. A. Monosmith, the pastor, and Mrs. Monosmith attended the Association at Weaverville.

GUERNEVILLE. This town has had some growth due to the re-opening of quicksilver mines. The Sunday School, which is gaining in attendance, has good teachers, and must add new classes. Mr. Alfred Focht is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr has planned special observances during the month: April 26, Dewey Day; May 3, Pythian service; May 10, Mother's Day; May 17, American Day; May 24, Memorial Sunday.

SEBASTOPOL. Several young men from a nearby C.C.C. camp are in a Sunday School class led by Mr. James P. Senter, the pastor. They, together with other young people, are attending church quite regularly.

PENNGROVE. Dishes for the serving of 75 people have been purchased by the women. The primary department has increased from 4 to 16, and the finances of the church are very greatly improved. Rev. James D. Salmon is pastor.

COTATI. With the completion of repairs and with new carpet on the aisles there seems to be a new spirit in the church. Three were received at Easter. Rev. James Salmon is pastor.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. There has been an average of 16 in attendance at the Church of Youth. The young people assist Mr. Herbert Dimock, the director, in planning this service.

SALIDA. Ten new members were received during the year preceding the Central Association meeting, which was entertained at this church recently. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is pastor.

RIO VISTA. Twenty-three have been received into fellowship in the past year. Pilgrim Fellowship has 29 members. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

PETALUMA. About 18 young people attend a young people's meeting with the Dean of Girls of the High School in charge. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE FOR SERVICE MEN AND STUDENTS

Plymouth House will become a Service Men's Center as well as a Student Center and may also become their "Church Home Away from Home." A plan of the Social Action Committees of the First Church and Plymouth House came into a reality on May 4. A committee of men and women under the direction of Mrs. Lester Hink provide hostesses, refreshments, and social activities, for service men and students every day from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. Invitations have gone to all military stations in the area, inviting the men to share with the students in the hospitality of our House. Congregationalists who have friends or relatives in this area should urge them to take advantage of the opportunities offered for reading, lounging, games, dancing, and fellowship. Names and addresses of men in the service may also be sent to Plymouth House, and a personal invitation will be sent. Our students have been happy to open their House to these men. The Church women are doing everything in their power to make it an attractive home. We now hope that the men may be able to take full advantage of these facilities.

Many Plymouth House people will be enrolled in the University for Inter-session and Summer Session. Therefore it has been decided to carry on the program as usual. The positions of absent officers will be filled temporarily, but there will be few other changes in the activities.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16-17—Annual S. S. and C. E. Convention of German Young People. Fresno, Free Cross Church.
June 18-25—General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Durham, N. H.
July 26-31—M.E.M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 16-18—State Conference, Grace United Church, San Francisco.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 13-20—Lakewood, Lake Tahoe.
June 14-20—Sequoia National Park.
June 21-27—Loma Mar No. 1 and No. 2, Combined.
July 25-August 1—Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.
August 9-15—Lokoya.

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